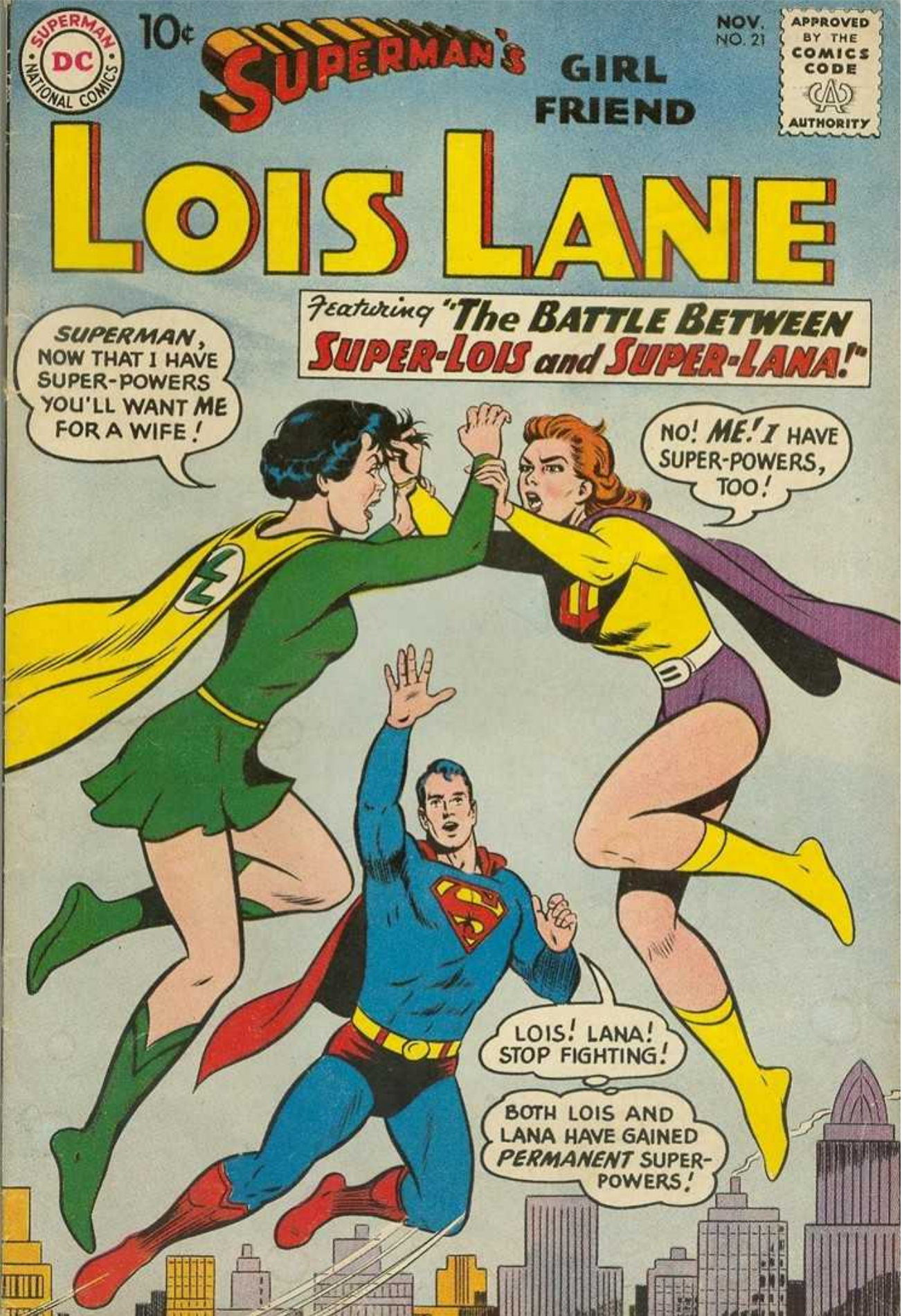
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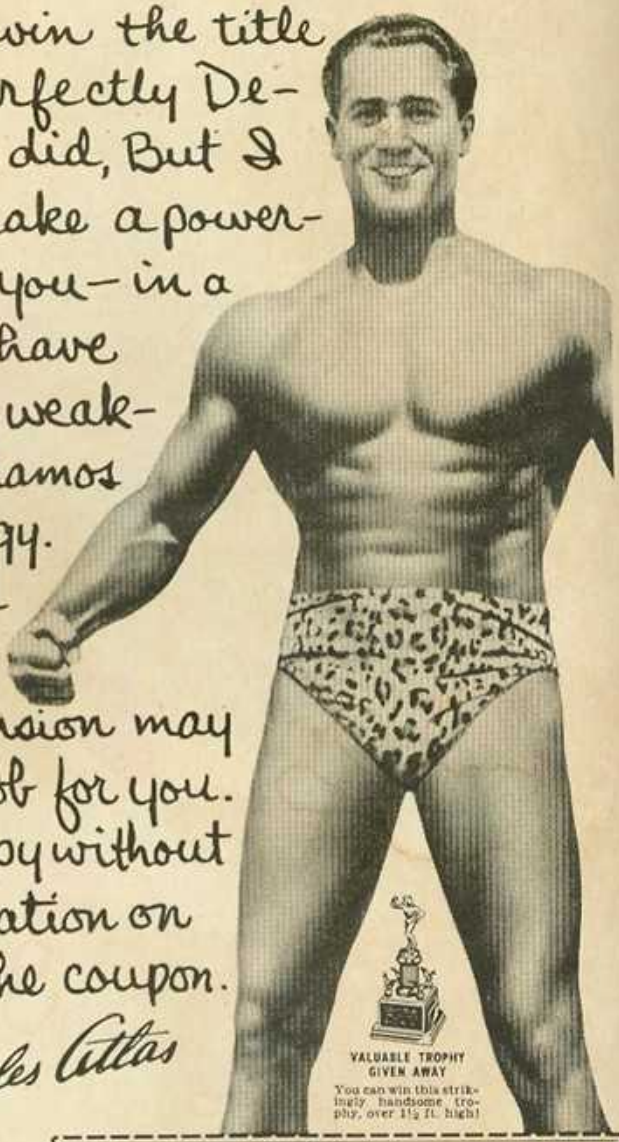

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PART I The LOIS LANE DOLL

PRESENTING: AN EXCITING TWO-PART ADVENTURE OF **LOIS LANE**, IMPETUOUS GIRL REPORTER OF THE **DAILY PLANET**, THAT LEADS TO FANTASTIC DANGER! IT ALL STARTS WITH DOLLS MODELLED AFTER LOIS LANE THAT BECOME DEAR TO THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN! HOW CAN THESE INNOCENT PLAYTHINGS BECOME A THREAT, NOT ONLY TO LOIS, BUT TO **SUPERMAN**? YOU WILL LEARN THE STRANGE ANSWER WHEN THEY MEET THE **DOLLS of DOOM!**

LOVE THAT SUPERMAN! LOVE THAT SUPER-MAN! LOVE THAT...
LOIS LANE DOLLS
HMM... THAT LIFE-SIZED LOIS LANE DOLL NOT ONLY LOOKS BUT TALKS LIKE LOIS! CLEVER!
UNKNOWN TO SUPERMAN, THAT LOIS LANE DOLL I MADE WILL BE HIS DOWNFALL! HA! HA!

IN METROPOLIS ONE DAY, AT THE DAILY PLANET, A DOLL INVENTOR CALLS TO SHOW REPORTER LOIS LANE ONE OF HIS NOVELTIES...
HOW CUTE! A WIND-UP SUPERMAN DOLL!
THAT'S ONE OF MY PREVIOUS PRODUCTS THAT SOLD WELL! I'M CYRIL MADISON, THE DOLL KING! THIS NEW DOLL WILL BE A GREAT SENSATION TOO, MISS LANE!
B-BUT THAT GIRL-DOLL HAS NO FACE!
EXACTLY, MISS LANE! I WANT TO MODEL IT AFTER A GIRL IN TOWN WHO IS A FAMOUS NEWS-PAPERWOMAN AND A CLOSE FRIEND OF SUPERMAN!

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YOU...ER... DON'T MEAN ME?
ABSOLUTELY, MISS LANE! IF YOU'LL BE ITS MODEL, YOU WILL GET A ROYALTY ON EVERY LOIS LANE DOLL SOLD!
OH, YOU'RE A...A LIVING DOLL, MR. MADISON! I'LL DO IT!
GOOD! COME TO MY STUDIO TONIGHT FOR THE MODELLING! I'LL LEAVE YOU THE ADDRESS!
DOLL KING
THAT NIGHT; IN THE DOLL KING'S STUDIO...
I FEEL RATHER SILLY WEARING THIS HARNESS AND FAKE KEY IN BACK!
IT'S NECESSARY. THAT WAY, I'LL GET ALL THE PROPORTIONS EXACTLY RIGHT FOR YOUR DOLL DOUBLE!
FINALLY...
I FOUND A DOLL DRESS TO MATCH YOURS! AH, YOU LOOK LIKE TWINS NOW EXCEPT FOR SIZE! BUT IT'S NOT ONLY A WALKING DOLL...
I PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED VARIOUS MECHANISMS TO MAKE THE DOLL PERFORM OTHER LIFE-LIKE ACTS! I'LL PRESS THE BUTTON FOR ITS MECHANICAL VOICE!
LOVE THAT SUPERMAN! LOVE THAT SUPERMAN! LOVE THAT...
GOODNESS! I--I'M BLUSHING! WELL, I GUESS IT'S NO SECRET THAT I'M MAD ABOUT SUPERMAN!

THE OTHER BUTTONS MAKE THE DOLL SHED TEARS... SNEEZE... AND GO TO SLEEP, PLUS OTHER SOUND EFFECTS!
SOB!...
ZZZZ...
KA-CHOO!
SOON, LOIS LANE DOLLS WILL ROLL OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINES BY THE THOUSANDS!
I WONDER IF THEY'LL SELL?
LOIS IS AT HAND, DAYS LATER, AT THE METROPOLIS DEPARTMENT STORE, WHEN...
OPENING SALE
ANYBODY CARES LOOK LIKE ME... UH... GOODNESS!
I DON'T SUPPOSE ABOUT DOLLS THAT
LOOK! LOIS LANE DOLLS!
SHE'S MY FAVORITE REPORTER!
MOMMY, I WANT ONE!
AFTER THE STAMPEDE OF SHOPPERS...
IT FELT LIKE A HERD OF ELEPHANTS! DO I... UH... HAVE TO BE THAT POPULAR?
OPENING SALE
BUT IT IS ALL WORTH-WHILE WHEN, ONE DAY...
MY FIRST ROYALTY CHECK FROM THE SALE OF THE DOLLS!
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! IT WAS A LUCKY DAY WHEN CYRIL MADISON, THE DOLL KING, WALKED IN!
WOW!
NO—IT WAS AN UNLUCKY DAY!... FOR UNKNOWN TO LOIS, SHE HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF A CRIMINAL IMPOSTOR...
HA, HA! LOIS LANE DIDN'T KNOW WHO I WAS IN MY FANCY CLOTHES! NOW OUR MOTTO, BOYS... ALL TOGETHER...
HEADQUARTERS ANTI-SUPERM GANG
DOWN WITH SUPERMAN!
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SHELL OUT YOUR DUES, BOYS! IT'LL COST BIG MONEY FOR ME TO MAKE A MONKEY OUT OF SUPERMAN THROUGH THE LOIS LANE DOLLS!
WELL, IT'S WORTH IT, BOSS! WE ALL GOT NABBED BY SUPERMAN WHEN WE PULLED JOBS! NOW THAT WE'RE OUTA JAIL, WE WANT REVENGE!

BUT GOSH, BOSS! WHAT GOOD IS IT MAKING MONEY FOR THAT LANE DAME? HOW IS THAT GONNA LET US GET BACK AT SUPERMAN?
DON'T TRUST ME, EH? ALL RIGHT, I'LL GIVE YOU A DEMONSTRATION! HELP ME LUG THAT DOLL AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS TO OUR CAR!

LATER, OUT OF TOWN; AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION
DOLL IS WOUND UP...
YOU CAN SEE THAT SUPER-POWERFUL BOMB INSIDE THE DOLL! WHEN IT WALKS NEAR THE ABANDONED FORT, I'LL SEND A REMOTE-CONTROL SIGNAL, AND...

BLAAMM
...SET OFF THE BOMB WHICH WAS MADE BY A RENEGADE SCIENTIST!
YIPES! IT'S ALMOST LIKE AN ATOMIC BOMB!

RIGHT! IT BLASTED THE OLD FORT TO ATOMS! AND IT WILL DO THE SAME TO SUPERMAN'S PRIVATE HIDEAWAY... THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!
GREAT, BOSS! EVEN IF IT CAN'T HARM SUPERMAN HIMSELF, IT'LL BLOW UP HIS TROPHIES, SOUVENIRS AND SUPER-EXHIBITS! HA, HA!

BACK AT THEIR CRIME HEADQUARTERS, THE BOSS TUNES IN TV NEWS AND...
SEE, BOYS? SUPERMAN BRINGS EVEN THE CRUMMIEST TROPHIES TO HIS FORTRESS! HE'LL BRING OUR SPECIAL LOIS LANE DOLL, TOO, WITH LOIS LANE'S HELP!
THANKS FOR THIS... ER... ARTISTIC STATUE OF ME THAT YOU BOYS MADE IN MY HONOR! I'LL PUT IT WITH MY OTHER TROPHIES!

WHEN LOIS GETS HER NEXT SALES REPORT AND CHECK...
LISTEN, CLARK! THE 10,000TH LOIS LANE DOLL WILL BE MADE LIFE-SIZE! I'M TO WEAR THE SAME KIND OF DRESS AND POSE WITH IT FOR PUBLICITY PICTURES TODAY AT THE METROPOLIS DEPARTMENT STORE!

AND THE DOLL KING WANTS TO PRESENT THE 10,000TH DOLL TO SUPERMAN! DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'LL ACCEPT THE TROPHY?
I'M...ER...SURE HE WILL, LOIS!

CLARK CAN BE SURE FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT HE IS SUPERMAN!
TIME TO CHANGE FOR MY USUAL PATROL! I'LL SHOW UP FOR THE LOIS LANE DOLL AT THE STORE LATER! AFTER ALL, SHE'S MY CLOSE FRIEND! IT'S NICE OF THE DOLL KING TO OFFER ME THAT DOLL AS A TROPHY!

IF SUPERMAN ONLY KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON AT THAT MOMENT AT THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG'S HIDEOUT...
OKAY, BOYS! THE SUPER-BOMB IS PLANTED INSIDE THIS LIFE-SIZE LOIS LANE DOLL! NOW, LEFTY AND I WILL TAKE IT TO THE METROPOLIS DEPARTMENT STORE! THEY'LL CRATE IT AND THEN SUPERMAN WILL PICK IT UP!
AND LATER HIS FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE WILL GO BOOM! HA! HA!

BUT SUPERMAN IS DELAYED...
BUY THE DOLL THAT SAYS "I LOVE THAT SUPERMAN!"
THE MOORING ROPE BROKE IN A HIGH WIND, AND THIS ADVERTISING BLIMP SHAPED LIKE THE LOIS LANE DOLL NEARLY BLEW OUT TO SEA! I'LL DRAG IT BACK TO METROPOLIS!

MEANWHILE, AS THE STORE MANAGER ARRANGES FOR LOIS TO HAVE HER PICTURE TAKEN WITH THE BIG DOLL...
IT'S HARD TO TELL THE DOLL FROM MISS LANE! HMM...THAT GIVES ME A GREAT IDEA FOR INCREASING SALES! LET ME USE THAT LIFE-SIZE DOLL FOR A WINDOW DEMONSTRATION!
BUT...ER...WE WANT THE DOLL CRATED FOR SUPERMAN, AND...

TUT, TUT! SUPERMAN'S LATE ANYWAY! I'LL LEAD THE DOLL TO THE SHOW WINDOW FOR THE CROWDS TO SEE! COME, MISS LANE!
HE DOESN'T KNOW IT'S LOADED WITH A BOMB! WELL, IT CAN'T GO OFF WITHOUT MY REMOTE-CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE HIDEOUT! WE'LL WAIT HERE AND MAKE SURE THE DOLL IS CRATED LATER FOR SUPERMAN!
10,000th LOIS LANE DOLL for SUPERMAN

BUT WHEN THE STORE MANAGER TRIES TO REWIND THE MECHANICAL DOLL...
OH, DRAT! THE KEY BROKE OFF! MISS LANE, YOU'RE DRESSED LIKE THE DOLL! YOU CAN TAKE ITS PLACE!
GOODNESS! I.., UH... CAN'T ACT LIKE A DOLL!

BUT THE MANAGER INSISTS, AND SOON...
I TIED THE KEY ON YOU, MISS LANE! NOW DO YOUR STUFF! WALK STIFFLY LIKE A DOLL!
OH, DEAR! WHY DO I GET INTO THESE THINGS? BUT I SUPPOSE IT'LL INCREASE SALES!

AS AN OUTSIDE SPEAKER BRINGS LOIS' VOICE TO THE WATCHING CROWD!
LOVE THAT SUPERMAN! LOVE THAT SUPERMAN! LOVE...
LOIS LANE DOLLS
THEY WALK, TALK, CRY, SNEEZE AND SLEEP!
GOSH! THAT LIFE-SIZED LOIS LANE DOLL SOUNDS AS IF IT REALLY MEANS THOSE WORDS!

SHORTLY, THE MANAGER WHISPERS TO LOIS...
PSST, MISS LANE! NOW CRY LIKE YOUR OTHER DOLLS DO! IT'LL WOW THE CROWDS!
BUT I--I CAN'T TURN ON TEARS AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE LIKE AN ACTRESS!

BEFORE LONG, THE MANAGER SEES THAT SHE DOES...
I GOT WHAT I NEEDED FROM OUR FOOD DEPARTMENT! THE FUMES WILL REACH LOIS LANE!
HEAVENS! HE'S SLICING A RAW ONION! SNIFF!...SOB!

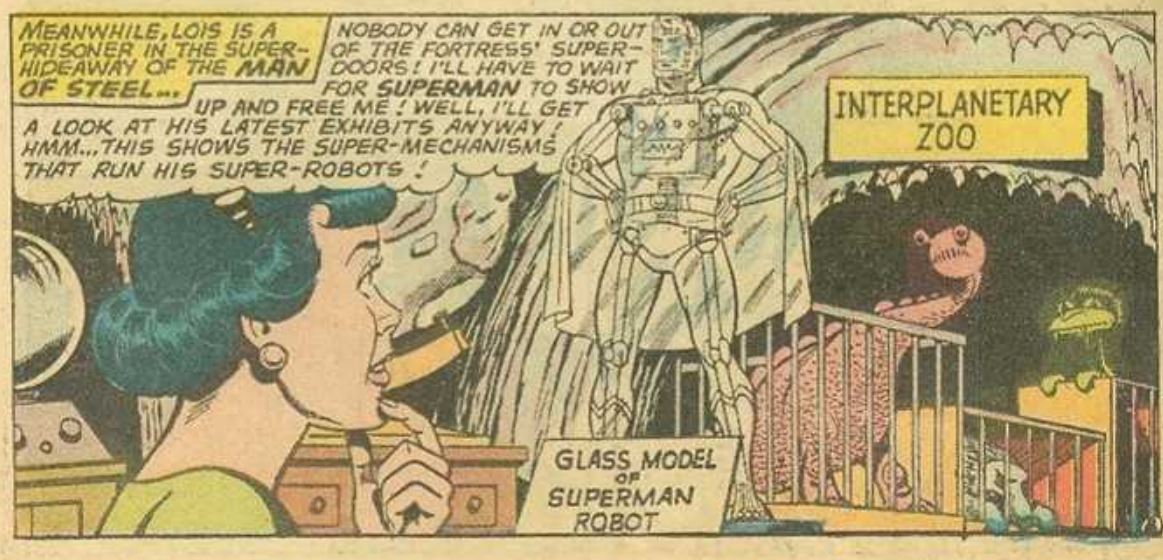
NEXT...
NOW HE'S SHAKING PEPPER AT ME BECAUSE HE KNOWS I CAN'T FAKE A SNEEZE EITHER!
AH..AH...CHOO!
BLESS YOU! HA, HA!
PSST! HOW CAN I PRETEND TO SLEEP WITH THAT MOB WATCHING ME? THEY MAKE ME FEEL SELF-CONSCIOUS! GULP!
JUST SWALLOW THIS! IT'S A HARMLESS SLEEPING PILL! I JUST BOUGHT SOME TO BRING HOME TO MY WIFE, WHO SLEEPS POORLY!
PRESENTLY...
GREAT! AFTER THAT DEMONSTRATION, I'M GOING TO BUY A LOIS LANE DOLL!
THE EFFECTS OF THAT SLEEPING PILL WON'T LAST TOO LONG! I'LL LET HER SLEEP IT OFF WHILE I HANDLE THE BIG SELLING RUSH!
ZZZZ
A MOMENT LATER, UNAWARE OF THE SWITCH...
WE SAW SUPERMAN COMING! QUICK! NAIL UP THE DOLL IN THE CRATE! THEN SUPERMAN WON'T GET A GOOD LOOK AT IT! I'M TAKING NO CHANCES THAT HE'LL GET SUSPICIOUS AND SEE THE BOMB INSIDE WITH HIS X-RAY VISION!
SOON, AN UNSUSPECTING SUPERMAN ACCEPTS THE "TROPHY"-
THANKS FOR THE 10,000TH LOIS LANE DOLL, SIR! I'LL EXHIBIT IT IN MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!
WHICH WON'T EXIST IN A FEW HOURS! HA, HA!
AFTER A SWIFT FLIGHT TO THE ARCTIC...
THE GIANT KEY THAT OPENS MY FORTRESS IS DISGUISED AS AN AIRPLANE MARKER!

AFTER ENTERING...
I'LL UNPACK THE DOLL... AND..WAIT! MY SPACE RADAR ALARM IS RINGING!
CLANG CLANG

AUTOMATICALLY, A SCREEN WARNS SUPERMAN OF ANY CATASTROPHE OCCURRING IN OUTER SPACE...
GREAT SCOTT! AN ALIEN CIVILIZATION FACES DOOM! A SUPER-EARTHQUAKE STRUCK THEIR PLANET! I'LL RUSH THERE RIGHT AWAY!

SHORTLY, AS A STARTLED LOIS AWAKENS...
UH..WH--WHERE AM I? GOODNESS! IT'S THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE! I MUST HAVE BEEN CRATED BY MISTAKE IN PLACE OF THE DOLL TROPHY SUPERMAN WAS SUPPOSED TO GET!

BACK IN METROPOLIS, THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG IS UNAWARE THAT THEIR PLOT WENT WRONG...
WHEN YOU GONNA USE THE REMOTE-CONTROL, BOSS?
AFTER SUPERMAN RETURNS TO METROPOLIS! THEN WE'LL KNOW FOR SURE THAT THE DOLL IS IN THE FORTRESS!


MEANWHILE, LOIS IS A PRISONER IN THE SUPER-HIDEAWAY OF THE MAN OF STEEL...
NOBODY CAN GET IN OR OUT OF THE FORTRESS' SUPER-DOORS! I'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR SUPERMAN TO SHOW UP AND FREE ME! WELL, I'LL GET A LOOK AT HIS LATEST EXHIBITS ANYWAY! HMM...THIS SHOWS THE SUPER-MECHANISMS THAT RUN HIS SUPER-ROBOTS!
INTERPLANETARY ZOO
GLASS MODEL OF SUPERMAN ROBOT

BUT ONE SPECIAL EXHIBIT LURES LOIS TO IT...
THAT'S KANDOR, ONCE A CITY IN KRYPTON LONG AGO, WHICH WAS REDUCED TO A SMALL SIZE AND CAN ONLY EXIST IN THIS BOTTLE! SUPERMAN NEVER FOUND A WAY TO ENLARGE THE CITY OR ITS PEOPLE TO NORMAL SIZE!

THAT EXCHANGE RAY ONLY ALLOWS ONE KANDORIAN AND ONE SIMILAR-SIZED PERSON OR CREATURE FROM EARTH TO SWITCH PLACES! NOW TO OBSERVE THE TINY PEOPLE WITH THIS MAGNIFIER! TWO OF THEM I KNOW WELL!
EXCHANGE RAY

...VAN-ZEE AND SYLVIA, WHO ARE DOUBLES OF SUPERMAN AND ME! THEY MARRIED AFTER AN EXCITING ROMANCE, AND HAVE TWINS, LILI AND LYLE! HOW HAPPY THEY MUST BE!...SIGH!

SUDDENLY, AS LOIS HEARS A HISSING SOUND...
SSSSSS
WHAT ARE THOSE CHOKING FUMES COMING FROM THAT PIPE? OH...THAT SIGN...HELP! SUPERMAN...HELP!
AUTOMATIC TANK ONCE A MONTH, SPRAY MICROBE GAS THROUGH FORTRESS TO ELIMINATE DESTRUCTIVE MICRO-ORGANISMS!

BUT SUPERMAN IS STILL BUSY, FAR OFF IN SPACE, SAVING AN ALIEN WORLD...
I MADE THIS BIG "BARGE" TO CARRY THE PEOPLE AWAY BEFORE THEIR CITY COLLAPSES FROM THE EARTHQUAKE! I'LL HELP THEM BUILD A NEW CITY!

AND IN THE FORTRESS ON EARTH, AS A PLASTIC DOME AUTOMATICALLY COVERS THE INTERPLANETARY ZOO...
THE FUMES WON'T REACH THE ANIMALS! CAN I GET UNDER IT?...TOO LATE! NOTHING CAN SAVE ME NOW...GASP!...FROM THE POISON GAS... CHOKE!
WILL LOIS LANE'S LIFE BE SNUFFED OUT BY THE DEADLY GAS FILLING THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE? TURN TO THE NEXT CHAPTER!

KEEP LEARNING-- the Key to SUCCESS!

WELL, FRANK, I MADE UP MY MIND! I'M GOING TO QUIT SCHOOL AND GET A JOB!
GOSH, BOB, WHAT KIND OF JOB CAN YOU GET? YOU'RE ACTING JUST LIKE MY BROTHER LAST YEAR...

"REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?"
NO, WE CAN'T USE ANYONE WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA!
SORRY, I NEED SKILLED PEOPLE WHO CAN SERVICE AUTOMATIC ASSEMBLY MACHINES!

THERE JUST AREN'T AS MANY JOBS AS THERE USED TO BE FOR UNSKILLED HELP!
OH, I'LL MANAGE! I WANT TO START EARNING MONEY NOW-- THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO GET AHEAD!

YOU SEE, THE COMPANY WILL UPGRADE ME IF I LEARN HOW TO SERVICE THAT NEW MACHINE I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT. AFTER THE TRAINING PERIOD, I'LL GET A BIGGER PAYCHECK, TOO!
WELL, THAT'S A TWIST! I WAS JUST GOING TO TELL YOU I WANT TO QUIT SCHOOL!

THAT WOULD BE FOOLISH, BOB! YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH A LOT MORE WITH AN EDUCATION THAN WITHOUT ONE!
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, DAD! YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP LEARNING--THAT'S THE KEY TO SUCCESS!

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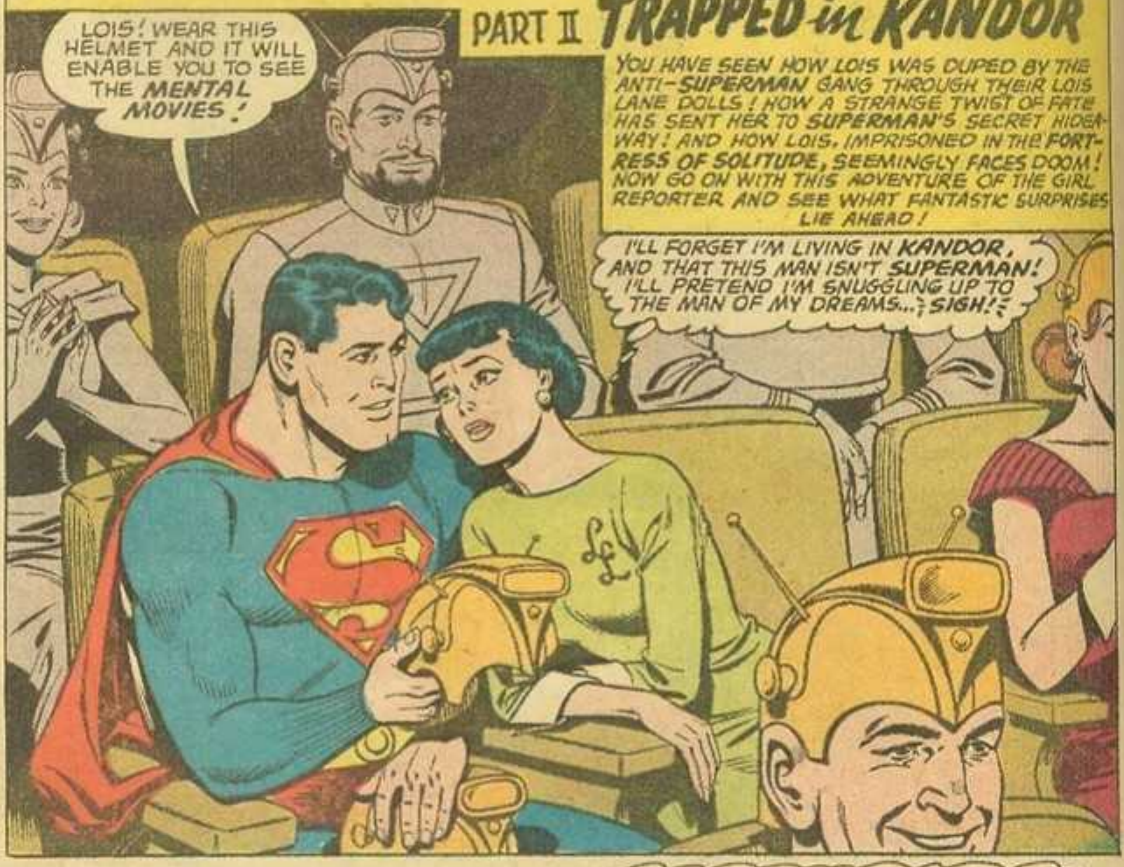
PART II TRAPPED in KANDOR


LOIS! WEAR THIS HELMET AND IT WILL ENABLE YOU TO SEE THE MENTAL MOVIES!
YOU HAVE SEEN HOW LOIS WAS DUPED BY THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG THROUGH THEIR LOIS LANE DOLLS! HOW A STRANGE TWIST OF FATE HAS SENT HER TO SUPERMAN'S SECRET HIDEAWAY! AND HOW LOIS, IMPRISONED IN THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE, SEEMINGLY FACES DOOM! NOW GO ON WITH THIS ADVENTURE OF THE GIRL REPORTER AND SEE WHAT FANTASTIC SURPRISES LIE AHEAD!
I'LL FORGET I'M LIVING IN KANDOR, AND THAT THIS MAN ISN'T SUPERMAN! I'LL PRETEND I'M SNUGGLING UP TO THE MAN OF MY DREAMS...SIGH!

TRAPPED IN THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE, AS IT RAPIDLY FILLS UP WITH MICROBE GAS, LOIS LANE CRAWLS DESPERATELY TO THE DOOR, BUT...
GASP! HELP! LET ME OUT!
BUT EVEN IF RESCUERS WERE OUTSIDE, THEY COULDN'T BUDGE THIS SUPER-DOOR! I--I'M FINISHED...CHOKE!

WAIT! ONE THING MIGHT SAVE ME...THE EXCHANGE RAY! IT'S NEAR KANDOR! I-I MUST CRAWL THERE BEFORE THE GAS DOES ITS FINAL WORK...GASP!
...WILL I MAKE IT?

WITH HER REMAINING STRENGTH, THE COURAGEOUS REPORTER REACHES THE TINY CITY IN THE BOTTLE. AND...

KANDOR IS SAFE FROM THE FUMES BECAUSE PURE AIR IS PUMPED IN FROM THE OUTSIDE! THIS EXCHANGE RAY CAN SWITCH ME INTO THE BOTTLE... EXCEPT THAT THE PERSON SWITCHED HERE IN MY PLACE WOULD DIE! BUT I'LL USE THE MAGNIFIER...

EXCHANGE RAY

SUPERMAN ONCE TOLD ME OF THE NON-BREATHING BEAST IN THE KANDOR ZOO WHICH HAS NO LUNGS! IT COULD SURVIVE THE MICROBE GAS, SINCE IT DOESN'T BREATHE!

KANDOR ZOO

HMM... I SEE VAN-ZEE AND SYLVIA HAVE TAKEN THEIR TWIN KIDS TO THE ZOO! I'LL HAVE TO FOCUS THE EXCHANGE RAY CAREFULLY ON THE NON-BREATHING BEAST!

THEN, AS LOIS USES THE MIRACULOUS DEVICE...

I'M SHRINKING RAPIDLY TO TINY SIZE, WHILE STRANGE FORCES ARE PROJECTING ME THROUGH THE GLASS BOTTLE INTO THE CITY! THE BEAST WILL ENLARGE AND REPLACE ME IN THE GAS-FILLED FORTRESS!

MOMENTS LATER, AS LOIS MATERIALIZES DOWN IN KANDOR...

GREAT STARS! IT'S... LOIS LANE FROM EARTH, MY WIFE'S DOUBLE! WHY DID YOU COME HERE, LOIS?

OH, THE HEAVY GRAVITY IN YOUR KRYPTON CITY MAKES ME FEEL AS HEAVY AS LEAD! BUT I'LL EXPLAIN WHY I USED THE EXCHANGE RAY TO SWITCH PLACES WITH THE NON-BREATHING BEAST!

SHOCK OVERWHELMS LOIS AS SHE TURNS...

OH, MY GOODNESS! THE BEAST IS STILL THERE!

YOU MUST'VE USED THE WRONG FOCUS, LOIS... SYLVIA IS GONE! YOU SWITCHED PLACES WITH HER, INSTEAD!

THEN SYLVIA WILL BREATHE THE MICROBE GAS AND DIE! WHAT HAVE I DONE... AHHHHHHH
SHE FAINTED UNDER THE SUPER-GRAVITY! I'LL BRING HER TO MY LABOR-ATORY! FOLLOW ME, CHILDREN!
LATER, AT THE LABORATORY...
LOIS, I MADE YOU THOSE ANTI-GRAVITY SHOES WHICH CANCEL OUT KANDOR'S HEAVY GRAVITY!
THANKS, VAN-ZEE! I CAN WALK NOW, BUT I FEEL TERRIBLE!--I SENT YOUR WIFE TO HER DEATH!
BUT AS VAN-ZEE TUNES HIS EARTH MONITOR SCREEN...
WHY..UH... SYLVIA'S ALIVE! BUT HOW COULD SHE SURVIVE THAT DEADLY GAS? SHE'S AN EARTH GIRL LIKE ME!
BUT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THAT AFTER I CAME OUT OF THE BOTTLE AND MARRIED SYLVIA...
...I USED A SERUM OF THE RARE ELEMENT KORIUM-66-BETA TO GIVE SYLVIA SUPER-POWERS! HERE IN THE BOTTLE UNDER KANDOR'S HEAVY GRAVITY, SHE IS NORMAL, BUT THE MOMENT SHE WAS SWITCHED INTO THE FORTRESS ON EARTH...
...SHE REGAINED HER POWERS AND INVULNERABILITY!
TH-THANK HEAVENS! NOW I'LL USE YOUR MICROPHONE AND TELL SYLVIA TO SWITCH US BACK AS SOON AS THE GAS CLEARS AWAY!
BUT LATER, AS THE MICROBE GAS SPRAY AUTO-MATICALLY CUTS OFF...
IT'S SAFE NOW FOR YOU TO RETURN, LOIS! OH, DEAR! THE EXCHANGE RAY BURNED OUT! I'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR SUPERMAN TO RETURN AND REPAIR IT!
BUT HE'S AWAY ON A VITAL MISSION. I'LL SHOW YOU...

SEE? THERE HE IS! MY KIDS HAVE BEEN WATCHING HIM ON OUR SPACE MONITOR
WOW! LOOK AT SUPERMAN LIFTING THAT BIG STONE BLOCK LIKE A FEATHER!
HE'S TERRIFIC!

HMM... I SEE SUPERMAN IS A GREAT HERO TO YOUR TWINS!
SUPERMAN IS REBUILDING A WRECKED CIVILIZATION ON A FARAWAY PLANET! THAT SUPER-JOB MAY TAKE HIM WEEKS!

YET, NOT LONG AFTER, A VISITOR STARTLES LOIS...
GOODNESS! IT-IT'S SUPERMAN! BUT WHY DID HE REDUCE HIMSELF INTO TINY SIZE TO VISIT KANDOR AND... UH... OH, I'M ALL MIXED UP!

HA, HA! THAT'S NOT SUPERMAN, LOIS! MEET MY TWIN BROTHER, DIK-ZEE! NATURALLY, HE'S A DOUBLE OF SUPERMAN, TOO, LIKE ME!
OH... ER... I SEE! BUT WHY ARE YOU WEARING A REPLICA OF SUPERMAN'S COSTUME, DIK?

LOIS GETS HER ANSWER FROM THE TWINS...
GEE! THIS IS JUST LIKE SITTING ON SUPERMAN'S LAP, UNCLE DIK!
I GET IT! THOSE TWO SUPERMAN FANS... THE TWINS... INSISTED THAT DIK WEAR THE SUPER-SUIT ALL THE TIME, EH?

AND AS THE FAMILY EATS...
I'M IN FAVOR OF IT, TOO! IT'S ALMOST LIKE HAVING THE REAL SUPERMAN AT MY SIDE... SIGH!
LOIS, SINCE YOU MAY HAVE TO STAY IN KANDOR FOR SOME TIME, WOULD YOU LIKE A JOB AT MY OFFICE?

LOIS AGREES, AND LATER...
I WORK FOR THE KANDOR PRESS! THE BOSS NEEDS A TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT FOR HIS GIRL REPORTER, WHO IS ILL!
WHY... UH... THIS PLACE LOOKS SIMILAR TO THE DAILY PLANET!

WHEN LOIS BEGINS HER JOB...
OH, I WISH THIS WOULD COME TRUE AT THE DAILY PLANET, WHEN I RETURN TO EARTH... HAVING SUPERMAN WORKING IN THE SAME OFFICE WITH ME* ...SIGH!
*LITTLE DOES LOIS KNOW SUPERMAN DOES WORK WITH HER AT THE PLANET IN HIS SECRET IDENTITY OF REPORTER CLARK KENT! ED.

I'LL PRACTICE SOME TYPING FIRST TO LIMBER UP MY FINGERS... OH, DEAR! TH-THERE ARE NO KEYS!
THAT'S A SUPER-SCIENTIFIC KRYPTON INVENTION.. THE THOUGHT-WRITER! YOU JUST THINK THE WORDS AND THE MACHINE DOES THE REST!

LOIS RADIATES HER THOUGHTS, AND...
IT WORKS! AND I DON'T NEED MY HANDS.. SO I CAN POWDER MY NOSE WHILE TYPING! THE PLANET WAS NOTHING LIKE THIS!

AFTER WORKING HOURS, THAT EVENING...
LONG AGO, KRYPTON HAD TWO MOONS IN THE SKY! WE'VE SUSPENDED TWO SIMILAR ARTIFICIAL MOONS... OR GIANT LAMPS... ABOVE KANDOR BY ANTI-GRAVITY FORCES!
HOW ROMANTIC! I'LL PRETEND I'M WITH THE REAL SUPERMAN, MY DREAMBOAT!

EVERYWHERE SHE GOES, LOIS KEEPS UP THIS HAPPY ILLUSION, EVEN AT THE MOVIES...
THIS IS LIKE SNUGGLING UP CLOSE TO SUPERMAN! HOW THRILLING!
THESE HELMETS WILL PRODUCE MENTAL MOVIES WITHIN OUR MINDS, LOIS! THE PROGRAM TONIGHT IS "THE SEVEN WONDERS OF KRYPTON"... UH... BEFORE IT BLEW UP!

AS HER HELMET PROJECTS BOTH VISIONS AND A TELEPATHIC SOUND TRACK INTO LOIS LANE'S MIND...

ON KRYPTON, LONG AGO, THERE EXISTED THE **FIRE FALLS!** NEXT YOU SEE THE **ROBOT FACTORY!** THEN THE **SCARLET JUNGLE!** BEYOND IT IS THE **GOLD VOLCANO!**

GOODNESS! DURING ERUPTIONS, **"MOLTEN GOLD"** LAVA POURED OUT!

AFTER THE MOVIES, DIK-ZEE TAKES LOIS FOR A **BUBBLE-SHIP** RIDE, WHEN SUDDENLY...

THAT GLOWING DESIGN ETCHED INTO YOUR... ER..."GROUND" IS BEAUTIFUL...GOODNESS! WHAT'S THAT?

GREAT HEAVENS! THE BOTTOM OF **KANDOR'S** GLASS BOTTLE CRACKED OPEN AT A WEAK SPOT!

KRAK

SSSSSSSS

SWIFTLY, DIK DRIVES TOWARD A TOWER, AND...

BEFORE OUR SPECIAL HIGH-PRESSURE ATMOSPHERE LEAKS OUT, I'LL TURN OFF ONE OF THE ANTI-GRAVITY BEAMS HERE AT THIS **MOON TOWER,** AND...

...LET THE CRESCENT MOON FALL! THAT PLUGS THE CRACK AND STOPS THE AIR LEAK TEMPORARILY! LATER, REPAIR CREWS WILL FIX THE "GLASS GROUND" PERMANENTLY AND PUT THE MOON BACK IN THE SKY!

CRACK

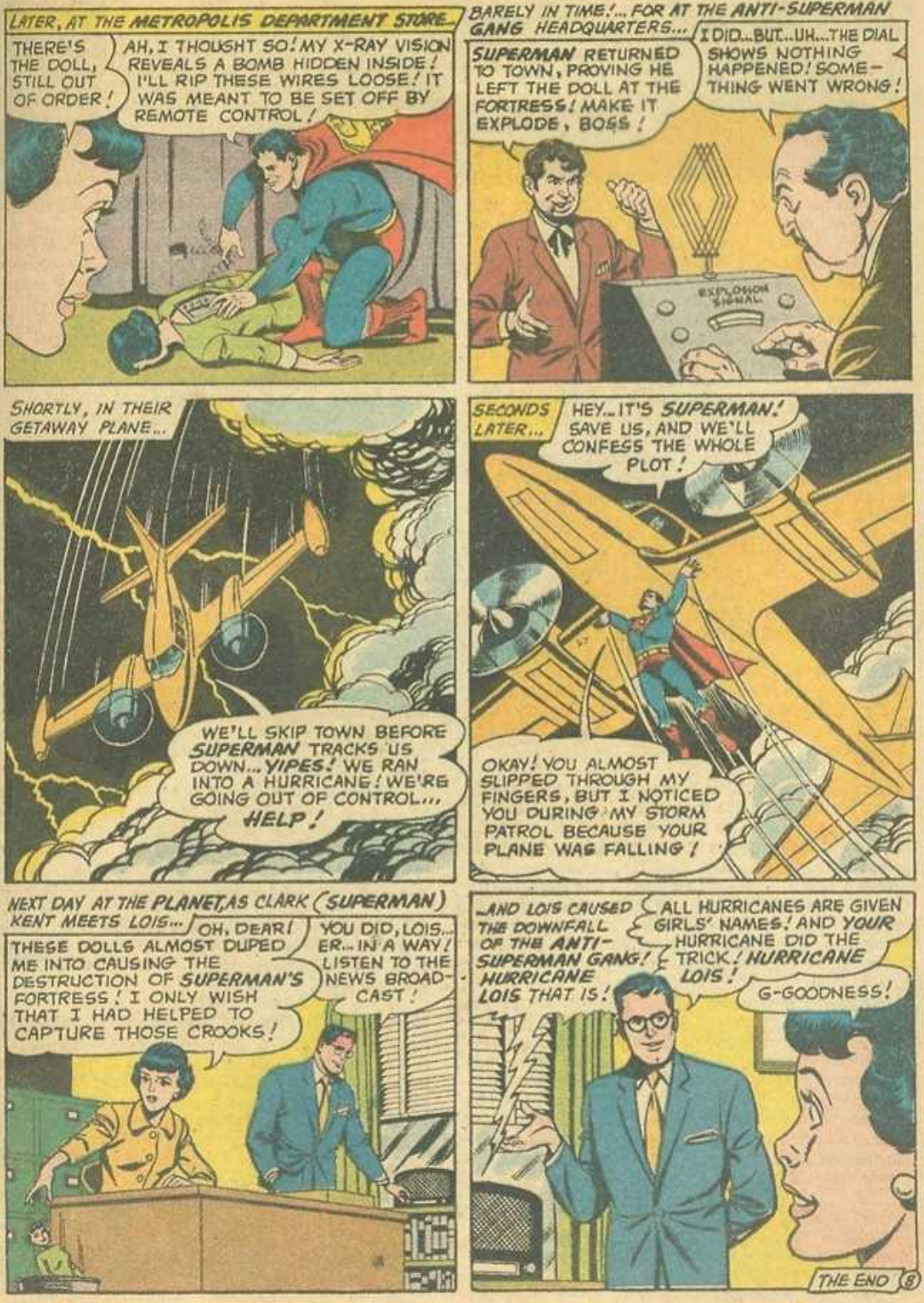
SSSSSSSSS

MORE DATES FOLLOW, AND ONE NIGHT...

WHAT ARE THOSE SWEET, TINKLING SOUNDS, DIK?

WHEN A BREEZE SWINGS THOSE BLOSSOMS, THEY MAKE REAL MUSIC! IT'S CALLED THE...ER... **WEDDING BELL BUSH!** LOIS, I CAN'T RESIST...

THEIR LIPS MEET THRILLINGLY...
OH... BELLS ARE RINGING INSIDE ME, TOO! IT'S ALMOST LIKE HAVING SUPERMAN HIMSELF CARESSING ME... WANTING ME TO BE HIS OWN! I-I HAVE A HUNCH DIK IS GOING TO PROPOSE IN A MOMENT!
AND SHORTLY...
LOIS, DARLING! LET'S MAKE IT REAL WEDDING BELLS! WELL?
MAYBE I'LL NEVER HEAR THOSE WORDS FROM SUPERMAN ON EARTH! BUT IF I MARRY DIK AND REMAIN IN KANDOR, THEN SYLVIA CAN NEVER RETURN TO HER FAMILY! IT'S MY HAPPINESS... OR HERS! OH, WHAT SHALL I DO?
JUST AS LOIS DECIDES...
DIK, DEAR, MY ANSWER IS... UH... WHAT'S HAPPENING?
LOIS! YOU'RE NOT SOLID! YOU'RE FADING AWAY! IT MEANS THE EXCHANGE RAY IS SWITCHING YOU AWAY... FAREWELL, MY DARLING!
IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE...
I'M BACK TO MY USUAL HUMAN SIZE IN THE FORTRESS... AND SUPERMAN IS BACK FROM SPACE!
YES, LOIS! I RETURNED AND REPAIRED THE EXCHANGE RAY, THEN USED IT TO SEND SYLVIA BACK TO KANDOR!
TEARS, OVER A MIGHT-HAVE-BEEN ROMANCE, ALMOST BLIND LOIS AS SHE USES THE MAGNIFIER...
SYLVIA... VAN-ZEE... THE TWINS... A HAPPY FAMILY REUNION! I COULDN'T HAVE STOOD IN THEIR WAY! MY ANSWER TO DIK WOULD HAVE BEEN... NO!... SOB!
PRESENTLY, AFTER LOIS COMPOSES HERSELF AND EXPLAINS HOW SHE GOT INTO THE FORTRESS...
I WAS ACCIDENTALLY PUT IN THE CRATE IN PLACE OF MY LIFE-SIZED DOLL TROPHY!
HMM... SOMETHING'S ODD ABOUT ALL THIS! I'LL FLY YOU TO METROPOLIS AND WE'LL FIND THE REAL DOLL!


LATER, AT THE METROPOLIS DEPARTMENT STORE...
THERE'S THE DOLL, STILL OUT OF ORDER!
AH, I THOUGHT SO! MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS A BOMB HIDDEN INSIDE! I'LL RIP THESE WIRES LOOSE! IT WAS MEANT TO BE SET OFF BY REMOTE CONTROL!
BARELY IN TIME!... FOR AT THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG HEADQUARTERS...
SUPERMAN RETURNED TO TOWN, PROVING HE LEFT THE DOLL AT THE FORTRESS! MAKE IT EXPLODE, BOSS!
I DID...BUT...UH...THE DIAL SHOWS NOTHING HAPPENED! SOMETHING WENT WRONG!
EXPLOSION SIGNAL
SHORTLY, IN THEIR GETAWAY PLANE...
WE'LL SKIP TOWN BEFORE SUPERMAN TRACKS US DOWN... YIPES! WE RAN INTO A HURRICANE! WE'RE GOING OUT OF CONTROL... HELP!
SECONDS LATER...
HEY...IT'S SUPERMAN! SAVE US, AND WE'LL CONFESS THE WHOLE PLOT!
OKAY! YOU ALMOST SLIPPED THROUGH MY FINGERS, BUT I NOTICED YOU DURING MY STORM PATROL BECAUSE YOUR PLANE WAS FALLING!
NEXT DAY AT THE PLANET, AS CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT MEETS LOIS...
OH, DEAR! THESE DOLLS ALMOST DUPED ME INTO CAUSING THE DESTRUCTION OF SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS! I ONLY WISH THAT I HAD HELPED TO CAPTURE THOSE CROOKS!
YOU DID, LOIS... ER... IN A WAY! LISTEN TO THE NEWS BROADCAST!
...AND LOIS CAUSED THE DOWNFALL OF THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG! HURRICANE LOIS THAT IS!
ALL HURRICANES ARE GIVEN GIRLS' NAMES! AND YOUR HURRICANE DID THE TRICK! HURRICANE LOIS!
G-GOODNESS!
THE END

Dear Editor: I could almost kiss you for starting your wonderful new "Imaginary Series", which shows us what life would be like for Lois Lane if she were married to SUPERMAN. It held me spellbound. Please continue this series until they both marry for real.

Gloria Higgins, Reader, W. Va.

(If we do what you suggest, you may have to read this magazine for more time than Franklin D. Roosevelt was president of the U.S.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Boy, Lana Lang must be boiling mad. Do you know why? Well, Lois Lane has her own book and Jimmy Olsen has his. How about giving Lana her book? Please. Martin Mazzei, Dorchester, Mass.

(The only book Lana is interested in is a cookbook—so she can whip up tempting meals for SUPERMAN after she lands him for a husband.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the story, "The Star Reporter of Metropolis", your artist depicts Dolly Day signaling a message to a deaf mute via sign language. Unless my eyesight is playing tricks on me, Dolly is using THREE hands? Is this an engraver's error?

Elliot Goldstein, Flushing, N. Y.

(The portrayal of multiple hands in this scene was done deliberately to symbolize the fact that Dolly's hands were moving swiftly, spelling out the urgent message. To use an analogy, this technique is similar to the jerky effects created by early slow-motion cameras.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Every time I buy a LOIS LANE Comic book my mother grabs it from me and reads it first. Then my big sister gets it. By the time I get a chance to read it, the magazine is torn and soiled. Please advise me what to do about this situation and how I can get first look. "Last Lady", Cheesequake, Ill.

(Read your issue on the way home from the stand where you've purchased it, then spoil the stories for your mother and sister by telling them the endings in advance. They'll soon get the hint.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the recent story, "The Day Lois Forgot SUPERMAN", you have Lois and Clark going to a 3-D movie. In this sequence, you show Clark and especially Lois without the 3-D glasses necessary to watch such a movie. A boo-boo? Jim Larrabee, Highland, Ind.

(We neglected to mention that this was a Cinerama theater, in which 3-D effects are achieved without the use of glasses due to a special projection process involving the use of three cameras synchronized to project the same image simultaneously.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I understand that the next GIANT SUPERMAN ANNUAL will be an "All-Menace" issue devoted to villains and monsters which have been featured in the SUPERMAN "family" of magazines during the past few decades. Can you tell me when this next Annual will be on sale and whether it will contain any stories which involve Lois Lane?

Dick Sale, Memphis, Tenn.

(Our next GIANT SUPERMAN ANNUAL will be on sale shortly before Christmas, 1960, and will feature villains and monsters calculated to make Alfred Hitchcock's stories read like Mother Goose rhymes. Lois will be shown being terrified by BIZARRO, TITANO, and other weirdies.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the story, "The SUPERMAN of the Past", you show Julius Caesar a fat man. The history books describe him as not fat, but short. You also have him exclaiming "By Zeus" when actually he should have said "By Jupiter". Tell your writer that Zeus was a Greek god, Jupiter was a Roman god.

Raymond Deruucki, Chicago, Ill.

("Caesar" means "emperor"; it is not a name. All the Roman rulers were called "Caesar", and the fat monarch pictured in our story was not Julius. As for his exclaiming "By Zeus", what's wrong with that? Perry White is an American, yet he expostulates "Great Caesar's Ghost" when excited. According to your logic, he should exclaim: "Great Lincoln's Ghost!"—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Lois Lane is constantly, to put it bluntly, messing up things for SUPERMAN. I love Lois, but I think she needs to be taught a lesson she won't forget for a while. The next time Lois fouls up SUPERMAN's plans, why doesn't he bend her over his knee and give her a super-spanking? I'm aware that Lois was paddled by a robot in "Three Nights in the Fortress of Solitude", but why doesn't SUPERMAN give her the real thing (not harming her, of course) but hard enough so she'll find it difficult to sit down for a time. I think that would give her time to think about mending her ways.

B. Twill, Falmouth, Mass.

(SUPERMAN is too much of a gentleman to strike a lady. However, he did give Lois a spanking when she was "Baby" Lois Lane in a story we published a few years ago.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In "Mr. and Mrs. Clark (SUPERMAN) Kent", Lois wears a chameleon dress from another world. Whoever wears or touches the dress affects the color of the dress, depending on the wearer's mood. For example, when the person is angry, the dress turns red; In the scene where Lois shows her sister Lucy the dress, it turns yellow. What mood was Lois in at that time?

Carol Ruth Roswall, Portland, Ore.

(The yellow symbolized Lois' FEAR; she was afraid that Lucy might discover she was married to SUPERMAN.—Ed.)

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IT'S THE TALK OF THE TEEN
I'M SWEATING OUT A SUGAR REPORT!
I WAS SHOT DOWN IN FLAMES!
BROOM!
BROOM IS A POOR DANCER!
SWEATING OUT A SUGAR REPORT MEANS WAITING FOR A LOVE LETTER!
BOOT ME!
SHE'S WEARING HEELS!
SHOT DOWN IN FLAMES MEANS JILTED!
BOOT ME MEANS INTRODUCE ME!
WEARING HEELS MEANS SNOBBISH!

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

THERE ARE MILLIONS OF GIRLS WHO WOULD LOVE NOTHING MORE THAN TO BE MARRIED TO SUPERMAN! OF ALL THESE GIRLS, ONLY TWO HAVE THE INSIDE TRACK... LOIS LANE AND LANA LANG! BUT THEIR CHANCES OF BECOMING THE BRIDE OF THE MAN OF STEEL ARE VERY SMALL BECAUSE HE WILL NOT MARRY A GIRL WHOSE LIFE CAN BE MENACED BY HIS FOES! HOWEVER, ONE DAY, THIS OBSTACLE SEEMS TO BE SWEPT ASIDE WHEN SUPERMAN WITNESSES...

The BATTLE BETWEEN SUPER-LOIS and SUPER-LANA!

I'D BE A WONDERFUL WIFE FOR YOU, SUPERMAN! HERE, EAT THIS SUPER-PIZZA I MADE JUST FOR YOU!

DON'T BELIEVE SUPER-LANA! I'D BE AN EVEN BETTER WIFE, SUPERMAN! HERE! HAVE A TON OF FLAP-JACKS MADE AS ONLY SUPER-LOIS CAN MAKE THEM!

ONE DAY, AT CAPE ROMARK, A U.S. EXPERIMENTAL MISSILE LAUNCHING AREA, DAILY PLANET REPORTER, LOIS LANE, ENCOUNTERS TV TELECASTER, LANA LANG...

SO YOU'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO COVER THE "MISSILE X" LAUNCHING, TOO, LOIS!

SEEMS LIKE WE'RE ALWAYS MEETING!

AND WHY NOT, SINCE WE'VE A MUTUAL INTEREST! EACH OF US WANTS TO MARRY SUPERMAN!

MY, WHAT A LOVELY NECKLACE YOU'RE WEARING, LANA!

THINK SO? IT'S SOMETHING SUPERMAN GAVE ME YEARS AGO, WHEN WE WERE TEEN-AGERS IN SMALLVILLE. HE BROUGHT IT ALL THE WAY BACK FROM ANOTHER PLANET!

I JUST ADORE YOUR EAR-RINGS, LOIS!
GLAD YOU LIKE THEM, LANA! THEY WERE RECENTLY GIVEN TO ME BY SUPERMAN, AND ARE MADE OF A RARE METAL HE FOUND WHILE BURROWING THROUGH THE EARTH!
ABRUPTLY, AN ANNOUNCEMENT...
SORRY, REPORTERS! THE MISSILE LAUNCHING HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL TOMORROW!
LANA, WE'RE SO NEAR "THE CAVERN OF 1,000 LAKES," WHY DON'T WE GO THERE FOR SOME FUN?
GOOD IDEA, LOIS!

LATER, IN ONE OF THE CAVES' MANY LAKES...
ACCORDING TO AN OLD INDIAN LEGEND, THERE'S A MAGIC LAKE SOMEWHERE HERE, AND WHOEVER SWIMS IN IT IS SUPPOSED TO GAIN SUPER-POWERS!
IT'S PROBABLY ONLY A SILLY SUPERSTITION!

NEXT DAY, AT CAPE ROMARK, AS "MISSILE X" BLASTS OFF...
IT'S OFF COURSE! DETONATE IT, BY REMOTE CONTROL!
I PRESSED THE BUTTON, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE DETONATION UNIT!

A DISTANT TV-EQUIPPED ARMY HELICOPTER TRANSMITS WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...
THE MISSILE FELL ON "THE CAVERN OF 1,000 LAKES," AND UTTERLY DESTROYED IT!
BR-RR! HOW FORTUNATE THE CAVERN WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TODAY... THOSE LAKES NO LONGER EXIST!

PHONING IN HER STORY, LOIS OFFERS TO DRIVE LANA BACK TO METROPOLIS, BUT AS THEY HURRY TOWARD LOIS' CAR, THEY DISCOVER...
GASP! OH, MY GOODNESS!
W-WE'RE BOTH MOVING AT SUPER-SPEED!

STUNNED, THE GIRLS EXPERIMENT, AND... DISCOVER...
LOOK! I CAN EASILY LIFT THE CAR!
AND TEARING THIS TREE OUT OF THE GROUND IS CHILD'S PLAY FOR ME!! :GULP!: WE'RE BOTH SUPER-POWERFUL...

LANA! BY SHEER ACCIDENT WE MUST HAVE BLUNDERED INTO THE MAGIC LAKE, AND NOW WE HAVE FANTASTIC POWERS! THAT INDIAN LEGEND IS... TRUE!
YES! AND SINCE THE LAKE WAS DESTROYED, IT CAN NEVER MAKE ANYONE ELSE SUPER!!

LATER, IN LOIS' APARTMENT, THE GIRLS DON CHEMICALLY-TREATED, FRICTION-PROOF, FIRE-PROOF SUPER COSTUMES SUPERMAN HAD PRESENTED TO THEM WHEN HE ONCE GAVE THEM TEMPORARY SUPER-POWERS*...
WE CAN FLY!
LAST ONE OUT THE WINDOW IS A SLOW-POKE!
*SEE LOIS LANE COMICS, MAY, 1960.-EDITOR.

SOON, NEAR METROPOLIS AIRPORT...
T-TWO FLYING GIRLS! IT-IT CAN'T BE!
HA, HA! DID YOU SEE THE PILOT'S EXPRESSION, SUPER-LANA?
CAREFUL, SUPER-LOIS! YOU'RE FLYING TOO CLOSE TO THAT PLANE! WE'RE NOT AS SKILLED AT FLYING AS SUPERMAN!

SPEAKING OF SUPERMAN, AT THAT MOMENT CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT, CRUISING ALONG IN HIS CAR, SIGHTS THEM WITH HIS TELESCOPIC VISION...
:OH, NO! IT CAN'T BE! :GASP!: ... IT IS...

PARKING HIS CAR INSIDE AN EMPTY ALLEY, HE CHANGES FROM THE MEEK REPORTER TO THE DYNAMIC MAN OF STEEL...
LOIS AND LANA HAVE SUPER-POWERS! I HAVE AN UNPLEASANT PREMONITION THIS MAY TURN INTO A SUPER-HEADACHE FOR... SUPERMAN!

SOON, HIGH IN THE SKY...
WHEW! IF I HADN'T SHOVED THAT PLANE SWIFTLY AHEAD, LOIS WOULD HAVE CLUMSILY COLLIDED WITH IT!
WHAT...? HOW...?!
LET'S LAND IN METROPOLIS PARK, SUPERMAN, AND WE'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT!

PRESENTLY, IN THE PARK, THE SUPERWOMEN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO SUPERMAN...
...AND BEST OF ALL, NOW YOU DON'T HAVE TO AVOID MARRYING ME! YOUR ENEMIES COULDN'T HARM A WIFE OF YOURS WHO HAS SUPER-POWERS!
YOU MEAN, NOW HE CAN MARRY ME! REMEMBER, I'VE GOT SUPER-POWERS, TOO!

LET'S BE FAIR! I'LL TRY TO PROVE I CAN BE A BETTER WIFE FOR SUPERMAN, AND YOU DO THE SAME! THEN HE CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN US!
EXCELLENT! WE'LL BE PERFECT LADIES WHILE FIGHTING TO GET OUR MAN!--OKAY, SUPERMAN?

OKAY!
FOR YEARS THESE WONDERFUL GIRLS HAVE BEEN TURNING DOWN EXCELLENT SUITORS BECAUSE THEY HOPED TO MARRY ME! IT'S TIME I DID MAKE UP MY MIND. NOW THAT NONE OF MY FOES CAN HARM THEM...

SUDDENLY...
THAT GIRL'S FALLING OFF HER HORSE!
RELAX, DARLINGS! LET ME SHOW YOU HOW HELPFUL I CAN BE!
NOBODY, BUT NOBODY, CAN BE MORE HELPFUL THAN SUPER-LOIS!

SEE??
WATCH ME STOP AND SOOTHE THE FRIGHTENED HORSE!

AS THE RIDER GRATEFULLY REMOUNTS AND GALLOPS OFF...
NICE GOING, GIRLS! YOU WERE BOTH SUPER!
MAYBE SUPERMAN WILL MARRY ME IF I CAN PROVE I'M A GOOD COOK!
LET ME MAKE DINNER FOR YOU!
BE FAIR, SUPERMAN! LET ME MAKE DINNER FOR YOU, TOO!

NO SOONER DOES SUPERMAN ACCEPT, THEN SUPER-LANA STREAKS OFF TO A PIZZA-PIE MANUFACTURER AND STRIKES A DEAL FOR CERTAIN NECESSARY INGREDIENTS...
THAT'S RIGHT, BOYS! SNAP HER PICTURE AS SHE BAKES THE PIZZA WITH HER X-RAY VISION! WOW! WHAT GREAT PUBLICITY THIS'LL MAKE FOR YUM-YUM PIZZAS!

PRESENTLY...
MIII-IIIIGHTY TASTY! YOU SURE CAN COOK, LANA!
LIKE IT?
A SUPER-PIZZA! THIS, I DIDN'T EXPECT!
HA! LET'S SEE SUPER-LOIS TRY TO SURPASS THIS!

MEANWHILE, SUPER-LOIS ISN'T IDLE...
I'M GLAD TO GIVE YOU THOSE SURPLUS SUPPLIES, SUPERMA'M!
THANKS SO MUCH! YOU'RE A DEAR!

INSTANTS LATER, IN A FOREST, AFTER SHE'D POKED HOLES IN SOME TREES WITH HER STEELY FINGERS...
SQUEEZING THE MAPLE SYRUP OUT OF THESE TREES SAVES A LOT OF TIME! NEXT STOP... DEVIL'S PLATEAU!!

SHORTLY...
I MADE A SKILLET OUT OF SCRAP METAL... AH, THE SCORCHINGLY HOT SUN IS BROWNING THESE NICELY!
SOON, AT METROPOLIS PARK...
A TON OF FLAPJACKS! IF YOU'D LIKE MORE...
DELICIOUS! BUT MY TELESCOPIC VISION SHOWS ME SOME FOLKS WHO DESPERATELY NEED THEM...
MY SUPER-HEARING PICKED UP A DESPERATE RADIOED S.O.S...
OFF TO SEA FLIES SUPERMAN, THEN...
THOSE POOR SEAMEN RAN SHORT OF PROVISIONS AND ARE HALF-STARVED! THE SHIP'S ENGINES FAILED!
FOOD! OUT OF THE SKY! THANKS, SUPERMAN! THANKS!!
AS THE FAMISHED MEN HELP THEMSELVES, SUPERMAN SUPER-PUFFS THEIR SHIP SWIFTLY ACROSS THE OCEAN, INTO PORT...
HOORAY FOR SUPERMAN!
GOSH, WHAT A GREAT GUY!
BUT WHEN SUPERMAN RETURNS TO METROPOLIS PARK...
WAIT HERE, SUPERMAN! I'LL BE BACK IN A JIFFY!
WHAT'S SHE UP TO?
PERHAPS SUPERMAN WANTS A WIFE WHO IS GLAMOROUS! I'VE GOT AN IDEA HOW TO MAKE MYSELF SUPER-GLAMOROUS!

STREAKING DOWN INTO THE OCEAN, SUPER-LANA SWIMS UNDERWATER, UNTIL SHE LOCATES...
A SUNKEN, ANCIENT GALLEON! MY SUPER-VISION SHOWS SOMETHING INSIDE THAT WILL BE JUST PERFECT FOR MY PURPOSE!
THEN... OODLES AND OODLES OF AMULETS AND BEADS! THIS MUST BE THE LOST JEWELRY OF HELEN OF TROY WHICH I ONCE READ ABOUT IN A MAGAZINE ARTICLE!
MINUTES LATER, AS SUPER-LANA RETURNS AND POSES EAGERLY BEFORE THE MAN OF STEEL...
I HATE TO SAY THIS, LANA, BUT... YOU LOOK LIKE A HUSSY!
AWP! AND I THOUGHT HE'D BE... SWEPT OFF HIS FEET!
HA, HA! SUPER-LANA JUST DOESN'T UNDERSTAND SUPERMAN! HERE'S WHERE I SHOW HER UP!
OFF STREAKS SUPER-LOIS TO EGYPT...
MY SUPER-VISION REVEALS THIS IS THE SECRET LOCATION OF CLEOPATRA'S ANCIENT TOMB!
VERY SOON, AS SUPER-LOIS FLASHES BACK TO METROPOLIS...
GREEN LIPSTICK... GREEN EYE SHADOW... GREEN POLISHED NAILS... A GREEN DRESS! TAKE IT AWAY! IT REMINDS ME OF... UGH!: G-GREEN KRYPTONITE -- THE ONE SUBSTANCE THAT CAN KILL ME!
HA, HA, HA! IT SERVES HER RIGHT FOR TRYING TO TOP ME!
DOWN INTO THE TOMB, SHE BURROWS...
JUST WHAT I WANT! AN EXOTIC WIG! A DRESS THAT'S A DREAM! CLEOPATRA'S ORIGINAL GREEN MAKE-UP!... HA, HA! SUPER-LANA WILL BE SUPER-SICK WITH ENVY!

SUPER-SWIFTLY, SUPER-LOIS REMOVES THE "GLAMOUR" THAT BACKFIRED...
I MUST LEAVE YOU FOR AWHILE, GIRLS, BECAUSE I'M SCHEDULED TO MAKE A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT A CHARITY SHOW, ON THE WEST COAST! I'LL TRY TO DECIDE BETWEEN YOU SOON...
'BYE!

AFTER THE MAN OF STEEL DEPARTS...
I'VE GOT TO LEAVE NOW, TOO, SUPER-LANA! BUT NO MATTER WHICH ONE OF US SUPERMAN MARRIES, YOU AND I WILL BE GOOD SPORTS AND STILL REMAIN FRIENDS, RIGHT?
RIGHT!

SOON AFTERWARDS, AS SUPER-LOIS STREAKS ACROSS THE CONTINENT...
THE MT. RUSHMORE MEMORIAL TO OUR GREAT PRESIDENTS HAS GIVEN ME A WHALE OF A SWELL IDEA!

QUICKLY, HER POWERFUL HANDS CARVE HER FEATURES OUT OF A NEARBY MOUNTAINSIDE...
:CHUCKLE: SUPERMAN OFTEN FLIES THIS WAY, ON PATROL! SEEING MY GIANT STONE FACE SHOULD MAKE HIM THINK OF ME OFTEN! IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE!...ER... WHAT'S THAT NOISE BEHIND ME??

TURNING, SUPER-LOIS IS STARTLED TO SEE...
SUPER-LANA! YOU'RE CARVING YOUR GREAT STONE FACE!! WHY, YOU COPY-CAT, YOU! YOU PROMISED TO FIGHT FAIR AND SQUARE, LIKE A LADY!
I SUSPECTED YOU COULDN'T BE TRUSTED AND SO I TRAILED YOU! LET'S CUT OUT THE PALSY-WALSY BUNK! ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR! AND THIS IS WAR!!!

AS THE TWO SUPER-WOMEN CLASH, SUPERMAN ARRIVES ON THE SCENE AS HE FLIES BACK FROM HIS BRIEF PUBLIC APPEARANCE...
SUPERMAN WILL MARRY ME!
NO...ME!
STOP BRAWLING! I'VE ALREADY DECIDED WHOM I'LL MARRY!
EAGERLY, THE GIRLS HURRY TOWARD THE MAN OF STEEL, BUT...
OW-WW! I STUBBED MY TOE! IT... HURTS!
WONDERFUL! IF YOU'RE ABLE TO FEEL PAIN, IT MEANS YOU'VE LOST YOUR SUPER-POWERS, LOIS! HA! NOW SUPERMAN WILL MARRY ME, SINCE I ALONE WILL BE SAFE FROM HIS FOES!
DON'T BE TOO SURE! LET'S SEE YOU LIFT THAT BOULDER!
GASP! WHY, I...CAN'T! I'M NO LONGER SUPER, EITHER!
EVIDENTLY THE SUPER-POWERS BOTH OF YOU RECEIVED FROM THE MAGIC LAKE WEREN'T PERMANENT, JUST AS I MYSELF HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GIVE YOU PERMANENT SUPER-POWERS, TOO!
AND SINCE NEITHER OF YOU HAVE SUPER-POWERS ANY LONGER, I CAN'T MARRY EITHER OF YOU, OR YOUR LIVES WOULD BE MENACED BY MY ENEMIES...
WELL, AT LEAST LET US KNOW WHICH ONE OF US YOU HAD DECIDED TO MARRY!
BECAUSE YOU GIRLS ARE SO EXPERT AT CARVING, I'LL CARVE A CLUE FOR YOU ON THAT BOULDER WITH MY X-RAY VISION!... BEHOLD! THE INITIALS OF THE GIRL I DECIDED TO MARRY!
GROAN! "L.L."! THAT COULD MEAN EITHER YOU OR ME, LANA! OR EVEN MY SISTER, LUCY LANE!
L.L.
EN ROUTE TO METROPOLIS...
HAVE A HEART, SUPERMAN! YOU'VE GOT TO TELL US! DON'T BE A MEANIE!
I'LL GIVE YOU JUST ONE FINAL CLUE. IT WASN'T LEX LUTHOR!
OH, YOU FUNNY, FUNNY MAN!
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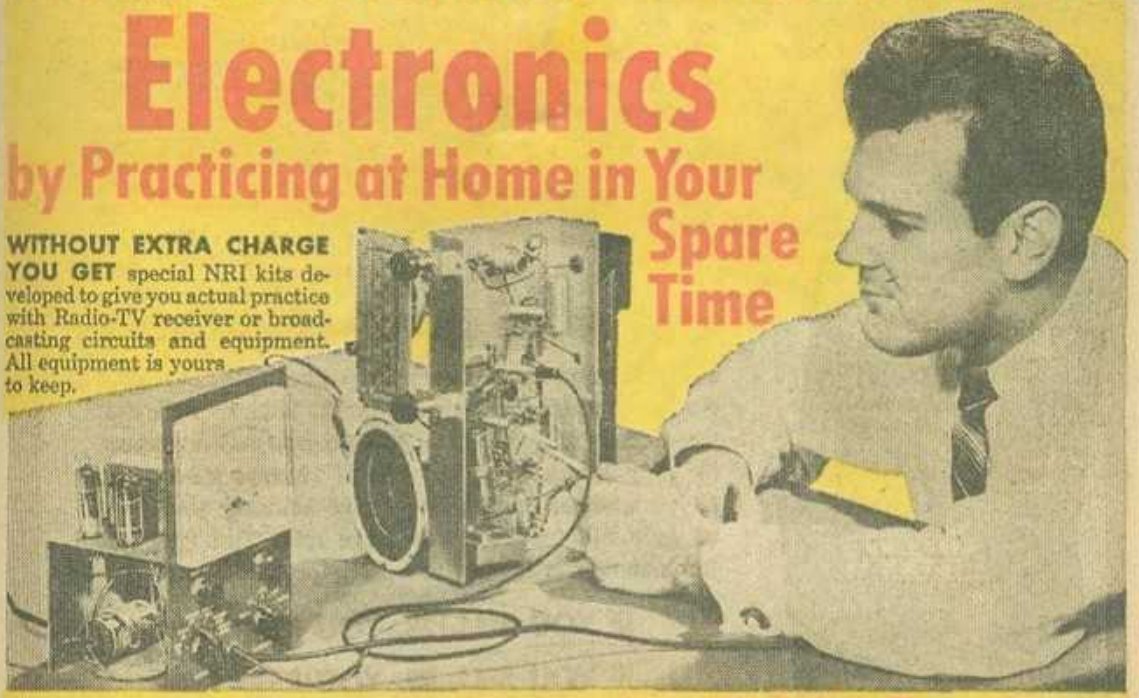

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